

## Elements

- A mutual aid agreement that allows state-to-state assistance during declared states of emergency
- Includes all 50 states, two territories, and the District of Columbia
- Allows the National Guard from unaffected states to assist affected states
- The National Guard can forecast a need and pre-position forces and equipment in anticipation of a call for assistance
- EMAC capabilities:
  - State and local emergency operations center support
  - Damage assessment
  - Disaster recovery
  - Logistic support
  - Security
  - Communications
  - Fire fighting
  - Aviation support
  - Biological and chemical events
  - Community outreach
  - Search and rescue
  - Debris clearance
  - Public Health
  - Hazardous materials
  - Information and planning

***“Without question, EMAC enabled the National Guard to overcome many of the equipment and resource obstacles faced during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.”***

*~LTG H Steven Blum,  
Chief, National Guard  
Bureau*

# EMAC



## *Fast and Flexible Assistance*

**Mission:** The Emergency Management Assistance Compact, or EMAC, is a national mutual aid partnership agreement that allows state-to-state assistance during governor- or federally-declared emergencies. EMAC is about governors helping fellow governors in time of need.

**Overview:** The EMAC concept was approved by Congress in 1996 and provides governors a means to quickly request assistance for any type of emergency, from earthquakes to acts of terrorism. When state resources are overwhelmed, National Guard units nationwide can step in and fill shortfalls. In responding to national emergencies and disasters, EMAC is instrumental in providing needed advice and assistance to governors as it relates to identifying, selecting, requesting and deploying Guard forces.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita showcased the largest deployment of state-to-state aid in history and stands as a testament to EMAC's effectiveness and efficiency in sharing of resources through mutual aid agreements. The use of EMAC led to the deployment of 65,919 personnel from 54 states and territories to Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and Texas – including 19,431 civilians and 46,488 National Guard members.

The EMAC provides another way for states to receive interstate aid in a disaster, outside of federal assistance. To date, all 50 states, two territories and the District of Columbia have authorized EMAC agreements.



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